

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lois Lee Cochran
Coleman of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Lois Lee Cochran Coleman; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Coleman was an exemplary person and a well-known figure in Blount County who worked assiduously to be a loving mother and wife, a faithful Christian servant, an outstanding homemaker, and a dutiful civic leader; and

WHEREAS, born December 26, 1919, in Calhoun, Georgia, Lois Lee Cochran Coleman was the daughter of Bessie and Luther Cochran and the widow of James H. "Bud" Coleman, Jr., who died in 2006; and

WHEREAS, from 1950 until 1991, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman were the proprietors of Anderson Lumber Company, and they successfully contributed to the local and state economy as well-respected merchants and business people; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Coleman served with acumen and alacrity as a member and chairwoman of the Blount County School Board from 1976 until 1989, in which positions she diligently served the public good as she fulfilled her duties; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Coleman was an active and devout member of the Maryville Church of Christ since 1942, and she faithfully served for many years as a Sunday school teacher and as an elder's wife; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Coleman was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-five years, Mrs. Coleman enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband Bud. Together, they were the proud parents of Dr. James H. Coleman and his wife, Candace H. Coleman; Stephen L. Coleman and his wife, Brenda Y. Coleman; David Coleman who died at birth; and Amy E. Coleman Miranda and her husband, Ralph J. Miranda; and

WHEREAS, Lois Coleman was the loving grandmother of nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews surely join them in the mourning of her passing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Coleman leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lois Lee Cochran Coleman, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Lois Lee Cochran Coleman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.